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SUBJECT CICR - MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11 -- FRENCH INITIATIVE ON
GREATER COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION IN NATIS

REF 76 USNATO 6527

1. FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR CIRC-NATIS COOPERATION, WHICH COULD IMPLY
CIRC "CENSORSHIP" ROLE, WAS MAIN ITEM IN COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
AND CULTURAL RELATIONS REGULAR SESSION FEBRUARY 11.

2. ROUTINE AGENDA ITEMS WERE QUICKLY DISPOSED OF EXCEPT FOR ONE
DEALING WITH NEW NATIS UNCLASSIFIED BRIEFING PREPARED BY INTER-
NATIONAL MILITARY STAFF. WHEN DUTCH DELEGATE REQUESTED THAT
BRIEFING BE PRESENTED TO PERMREPS BEFORE FINAL VERSION PUT INTO
USE BY NATIS, FRENCH DELEGATE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO RESTATE VIEW
THAT NATIS, PRODUCT SUCH AS THIS ONE, DEALING WITH A SENSITIVE
ISSUE SUCH AS FORCE BALANCE, SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY
CICR BEFORE APPROVAL. DUTCH DELEGATE QUICKLY NOTED THAT HE
WAS NOT REQUESTING SUCH ACTION BUT SIMPLY PASSING ON HIS
AMBASSADOR'S DESIRE TO HEAR BRIEFING BEFORE IT WAS PUT
INTO GENERAL USE. THIS DISCUSSION SERVED AS PRELUDE TO
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MAIN ISSUE OF MEETING WHICH CENTERED ON FOLLOW-UP BY
FRENCH OF POINT THEY HAD RAISED AT AN EARLIER MEETING
CONCERNING CICR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIS (SEE PARA 3 REF A).

3. FRENCH DELEGATE TABLED NON-PAPER SUGGESTING WAYS TO
ESTABLISH QUOTE CLOSER END QUOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIS
AND THE CICR. FRENCH DELEGATE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS
CONCERNING PAPER:

(A) THERE WAS NO INTENT TO CRITIZE ANY PAST OR FUTURE NATIS

PROJECTS. THE AIM OF THE PAPER WAS TO INCREASE COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIS AND CICR AND TO BROADEN AND STIMULATE DISCUSSION IN CICR.

(B) PAPER HAD NO STATUS.

(C) PAPER WAS PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH QUOTE OTHER END QUOTE DELEGATIONS.

(D) PAPER WAS NOT EXHAUSTIVE BUT WAS MEANT TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

PAPER WAS NOT ISSUED IN ENGLISH. FRENCH TEXT FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:

A) UNE COOPERATION PLUS ETROITE ENTRE LA DIRECTION DE L'INFORMATION ET LE COMITE NOUS PARAIT POSSIBLE DANS LES DOMAINES SUIVANTS:

A. PUBLICATIONS PERIODIQUES ET NON-PERIODIQUES

LES RESPONSABLES DE CES PUBLICATIONS POURRAIENT DE TEMPS EN TEMPS FAIRE PART AU COMITE DE LEURS EXPERIENCES ET, AU COURS D'UN ECHANGE DE VUES, LES MEMBRES DU COMITE POURRAIENT, PAR AILLEURS, APPORTER UN AVIS SUR L'OPPORTUNITE DE PUBLIER CERTAINS ARTICLES PORTANT SUR DES SUJETS POLITIQUES "DELICATS".

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EN CE QUI CONCERN LES NON-PERIODIQUES, UNE PROCEDURE DE CONSULTATION DU COMITE EXISTAIT AUTREFOIS. SANS DOUTE SERAIT-IL BON DE L'APPLIQUER A NOUVEAU

B. COMMUNICATIONS ENTRE LA DIRECTION DE L'INFORMATION ET LES AUTORITES NATIONALES

POUR AMELIORER LE FONCTIONNEMENT DU COMITE, IL SERAIT SOUHAITABLE QUE CE DERNIER SOIT INFORME DES COMMUNICATIONS DE LA DIRECTION DE L'INFORMATION AVEC LES AUTORITES NATIONALES.

C. EXPOSES POUR LES VISITEURS

IL SEMBLE QU'UN ECHANGE DE VUES ENTRE LE COMITE ET LES RESPONSABLES DE LA SECTION "VISITEURS" POURRAIT APPORTER AUX DEUX PARTIES DES ENSEIGNEMENTS FORT UTILES. EN PARTICULIER, UNE CERTAINE COORDINATION POURRAIT ETRE ENVISAGEE EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES THEMES ET L'ORIENTATION DES EXPOSES.

DANS LE MEME ORDRE D'IDEE, TOUTE AMELIORATION DE LA COORDINATION ENTRE LES OFFICIERS D'INFORMATION DES AUTORITES MILITAIRES, LA DIRECTION DE L'INFORMATION ET LE COMITE SERAIT TRES PROFITABLE.

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D. LIAISON AVEC LES AUTORITES MILITAIRES

IL SERAIT EGALEMENT SOUHAITABLE, POUR PERMETTRE AU COMITE
DE JOUER PLEINEMENT SON ROLE, QUE LE REPRESENTANT DES AUTORITES
MILITAIRES FASSE REGULIEREMENT AU COMITE UN EXPOSE SUR LES
ACTIVITES DE CELLES-CI DANS LE DOMAINE DE L'INFORMATION.

E. LIAISON AVEC DES ORGANISATIONS NON-GOUVERNEMENTALES

LA DIRECTION DE L'INFORMATION POURRAIT TENIR AU COURANT LE
COMITE DES CONTACTS QU'ELLE ENTRETIENT AVEC LES DIVERSES ORGANISA-
TIONS NON-GOUVERNEMENTALES.

LE COMITE POURRAIT SAISIR CETTE OCCASION POUR AVOIR UNE
DISCUSSION SUR LE ROLE DE CES ORGANISATIONS ET FORMULER
DES RECOMMANDATIONS.

B) LES QUELQUES EXEMPLES DONNES EN A) CONDUISENT A SUGGERER
L'APPLICATION DU PRINCIPE GENERAL SUIVANT:

LES RESPONSABLES DES DIVERS SERVICES DE LA DIRECTION DE L'
INFORMATION DEVRAIENT INFORMER D'UNE FACON REGULIERE LE COMITE
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DE LEURS ACTIVITES DANS TOUS LES DOMAINES.

POUR CELA, IL EST PROPOSE D'ETABLIR UN AGENDA PLUS ELABORE ET
COMPORTANT DES RUBRIQUES DIXES POUR L'ORDRE DU JOUR DU COMITE.

C) CONTRIBUTION DUE COMITE DANS D'AUTRES DOMAINES.

A TITRE D'EXEMPLE, IL POURRAIT ETRE ENVISAGE:

A. D'ETABLIR, A PARTIR DES CONTRIBUTIONS NATIONALES, UN FOND

DE DOCUMENTATION OUVERT AUX MEMBRES DUE COMITE.

B. D'ECHANGER REGULIEREMENT DES INFORMATIONS DUR LES ACTIVITES
DES ASSOCIATIONS ATLANTIQUES.
END TEXT

4. IN LIVELY DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED, MOST DELEGATIONS PAID LIP
SERVICE TO GOOD INTENTIONS OF FRENCH BUT CAUTIONED THAT CICR MUST
NOT BECOME MEANS TO CONTROL OR CENSOR IN ANY WAY OUTPUT OF NATIS.
U.S.REP, IN ASSOCIATING HIMSELF WITH THIS VIEW, SAID THAT CICR
SHOULD CONCERN ITSELF PRIMARILY WITH QUESTIONS OF BROAD POLICY AND
NOT INTERFERE WITH NATIS' EVERY DAY ACTIVITIES. US REP ALSO
REQUESTED THAT FRENCH AND ITALIANS (WHO WERE OBVIOUS CO-DRAFTERS)
SUBMIT AT NEXT MEETING ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF HOW THEY ENVISIONED
BROADENING AGENDA.

5. FRENCH DELEGATE RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO SO AND
WAS PREPARED TO OFFER IMMEDIATE EXAMPLE. FRENCH SAID THEY WOULD
CONSIDER ASKING EDITOR OF SOME NATIS PUBLICATION TO ATTEND CICR
MEETING TO OUTLINE FUTURE DIRECTION OF PUBLICATION AND THUS GIVE
CICR MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO QUOTE WARN HIM END QUOTE ABOUT
SENSITIVE POLITICAL SUBJECTS.

6. DELEGATES AGREED TO STUDY FRENCH NON-PAPER WITH A VIEW
TOWARDS FURTHER DISCUSSION AT LATER TIME.

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COMMENT: CONSIDERING EXAMPLE USED BY FRENCH DELEGATE TO
ILLUSTRATE QUOTE CLOSER NATIS/CICR COORDINATION END QUOTE IT IS
OUR VIEW THAT INTENT OF FRENCH PROPOSALS REMAINS THAT OF INVOLVING
CICR TO A GREATER DEGREE IN OVERSEEING NATIS PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMS.
THIS IS VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH FRENCH SENSITIVITY TO ENTIRE QUESTION
OF NATO PUBLICITY. CLEARER PICTURE OF EXACTLY WHAT FRENCH HAVE
IN MIND SHOULD EMERGE AT NEXT MEETING WHEN THEY HAVE AGREED TO
PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF "CLOSER COOPERATION". IN SPITE OF
THE FACT THAT THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THAT CICR SHOULD NOT ACT
AS A CLEARANCE BOARD, OUR VIEW, SHARED BY SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS,
IS THAT WE ARE NOT YET OUT OF THE WOODS ON THIS ISSUE. END COMMENT.
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